

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA  
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

February 29, 2000

**FROM:** GERRY NEWCOMBE, Contract Administrator  
Economic Development & Public Services Group, **Waste System Division**

**SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO APPLY FOR STATE GRANT FUNDS FOR INLAND EMPIRE  
GRASSCYCLING OUTREACH CAMPAIGN 2000**

**RECOMMENDATION:** Adopt Resolution No. 2000-\_\_\_\_\_ approving submittal of a grant request on behalf of a consortium of Inland Empire governmental agencies including Riverside County and various cities, to the California Integrated Waste Management Board (CIWMB) in the amount of \$60,000 for an Inland Empire grasscycling campaign.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:** On February 23, 1999, the Board of Supervisors approved two standard agreements with the CIWMB to conduct an Inland Empire regional grasscycling and landscape management outreach campaigns. As a result, an Inland Empire Regional Task Force (Task Force) was formed, composed of San Bernardino and Riverside Counties and interested cities/agencies, which developed and implemented both campaigns.

The CIWMB has requested the Task Force to continue its efforts to reduce greenwaste in the two-county area during the year 2000. The CIWMB has approved new funding for this year with the goal of achieving sustained residential and commercial use of grasscycling practices as a preferred lawn management practice. To this end, the CIWMB has requested the County of San Bernardino to submit a scope of work and proposed budget for an Inland Empire grasscycling campaign. The CIWMB is recommending \$60,000 be granted to the Inland Empire region for the grasscycling campaign, with the Task Force organization providing \$60,000 in matching cash and in-kind contributions. The Task Force recommends applying for this funding and will develop and implement the campaign if it is approved.

The goal of this campaign is to continue to increase public awareness of grasscycling, increase residential and commercial grasscycling practices by 10 percent in the Inland Empire, and continue to divert grass clippings and greenwaste from landfills.

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Approval of this recommended resolution will authorize the County to prepare and submit the grant application to the CIWMB on behalf of the Task Force. Commitments for contributions from Task Force members have already been received from Riverside County, Western Riverside Council of Governments and 20 cities in the Counties of San Bernardino and Riverside. Approval of the resolution will also provide an opportunity for the County to enhance its greenwaste education programs and implement grasscycling programs; provide the Waste System Division with additional funds for diversion programs in the County's unincorporated areas to assist the County in meeting the AB939 state mandate of 50 percent waste diversion by the year 2000, and continue its good faith efforts regarding diversion. If the state approves the grant award, it will forward a standard grant award contract, which will be presented by staff for the Board's consideration and approval.

REVIEW BY OTHERS: This item has been reviewed by Deputy County Counsel Robert L. Jocks on February 16, 2000.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: There will be no financial impact on the County General Fund. Approval of this grant application by the state will provide \$60,000 in state funds to be utilized by the Task Force for this grasscycling program. WSD's estimated share of the match requirement is \$15,000 and will be paid by Norcal out of funds it receives under Contract No. 95-834.

SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT(S): All

PRESENTER: Gerry Newcombe